

These comments are written in reply to those individuals who are trying to prevent Low Power FM radio from expanding into communities across America. Low Power FM Radio is designed to allow community churches, schools, chambers of commerce, and other not-for-profit groups to broadcast to their local communities. I believe that news, music, opinions, and public affairs from my local LPFM radio station KYRS are more relevant to me and to my children than the broadcasts of a syndicated service running on autopilot from a transmitter in my town. A Low Power FM station gives us local, volunteer, community options that are relevant to the needs of our town. LPFM can create opportunities for the discussion and solutions to local issues. Local people working together builds strong neighborhoods and stability. Healthy communities produce conscientious young people who work hard to make the world a better place.

I understand why consumers all across the United States have filed comments with the Commission, asking them to defend broadcasting Thin Air Community Radio. They want to hear an alternative to the overly commercial, frequently offensive programming put out by commercial broadcasters. I would encourage the FCC to take note of the comments put out by the Prometheus Radio Project on the subject of translator stations, which say, in part:

"We believe that translators should have a secondary status with regard to locally based Low Power stations. If a bonafide local organization wants to use a channel for real, new, local broadcasting, they should not be pre-empted by a repeater. The licensing system as it stands gives preference to remote, out of state organizations looking to rebroadcast on thousands of channels nationwide, rather than to local entities who want just one community radio station."

Please expand LPFM, and allow my community to have a real choice. Thank you.